

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
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WEBSITE FOR FOREIGN TOURISTS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have created a website to give information to the foreign tourists about the Indian tourists spots and ways and means to reach there;
- (b) If so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure easy availability of this website so that the tourists could get the information of the tourist spots; and
- (c) If so, the details of this website?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTHKUMAR)

(a), (b), and (c): Some of the Govt. of India Tourist Offices in India and abroad have launched their own websites. These can be accessed by the tourists all over the world.

Apart from these websites, the Ministry of Tourism had also launched a comprehensive website in January, 1999. However, the web master M/s InetIndia who was responsible for the maintenance and updation of the website left the job without informing the Ministry. Consequently, action has been taken to hire another agency for the development and maintenance of a comprehensive Tourism Portal. The tourism portal will contain all the relevant tourism and travel information and also provide link to other tourism websites both in public and private sector. On commissioning this Portal would then be widely publicized through both domestic & international, Print & Electronic Media.